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SUBJECT: PROPOSED CALL ON PRESIDENT ZHIVKOV

REF: SOFIA 406

1. BOTH TIMEING AND AGENDA OF YOUR PROPOSED CALL ON
PRESIDENT ZHIVKOV SOUND GOOD, AND WE WOULD CERTAINLY
ENDORSE YOUR GIVING IT A TRY.

2. SINCE OUR CATALOGUE OF OUTSTANDING BILATERAL ISSUES IS
SO LIMITED, YOU MIGHT WISH TO DRAW OUT ZHIVKOV ON A COUPLE
OF BROADER TOPICS. WE LEAVE THE CHOICE UP TO YOU, BUT IT
OCCURS TO US THAT BALKAN COOPERATION, THE SOVET PARTY
CONGRESS AND CEMA INTEGRATION MIGHT BE WORHT DISCUSSING IF
ZHIVKOV IS IN A MOOD TO TALK IN ANYTHING OTHER THAN
KREMLIN-INSPIRED CLICHES AND GENERALITIES. ALSO, YOU
MIGHT WANT TO TRY TO DO A LITTLE "MISSIONARY WORK" ON
PUERTO RICO, (AS YOU SUGGESTED IN SOFIA 351) DRAWING ON
STATE 49329 AND 49330. OTHER UN-RELATED TOPICS SUCH AS
KOREA AND THE MIDDLE EAST ARE EVOLVING IN SUCH A WAY THAT
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ZHIVKOV'S OPINIONS, EVEN IF HE SHARED THEM, WOULD PROBABLY

NOT BE OF ANY GREAT INTEREST.

3. WE HOPE YOU ARE ABLE TO TOUCH ON THE COLLINS CASE.
PERHAPS THE BEST WAY TO BROACH IT WOULD BE IN CONTEXT OF
YOUR DISCUSSION OF DIVIDED FAMILIES. KISSINGER

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